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SUBJECT: OS - FOLLOW-UP TO AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S
DISCUSSIONS WITH INDIAN OFFICIALS

1. AMBASSADOR GOHEEN AND AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON MET MAY 10
FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE INDIAN POSITION ON THE LAW OF THE
SEA CONFERENCE. AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON REVIEWED FOR
AMBASSADOR GOHEEN HIS RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN NEW DEHLI,
NOTING THE HARD-LINE POSITION EXPOUNDED BY INDIAN LOS
EXPERT JAGOTA. AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON SAID HE HAD HOPED
THAT THE NEW INDIAN MINISTERS BASHAN AND VAJPAYEE MIGHT
SEE THE IMPORTANCE TO INDIA OF A SOUND TREATY AND DIRECT
THAT THE INDIAN LOS DELEGATION ADOPT A MORE MODERATE
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APPROACH TO THE ISSUES OF THE DEEP SEABED. IT WAS HIS
IMPRESSION THAT AT THIS TIME THESE MINISTERS WERE DEEPLY
PREOCCUPIED WITH DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, AND WERE LIKELY TO
ALLOW JAGOTA TO CONTINUE TO SHAPE INDIAN POLICY. THE
CENTRAL QUESTION IN AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S MIND WAS
WHETHER THERE WAS ANY CHANCE BASHAN AND VAJPAYEE MIGHT
ADOPT A MORE MODERATE POSITION.

2. AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON TOLD AMBASSADOR GOHEEN THAT HE HAD SUGGESTED TO UK HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHN THOMSON, AN OLD

PERSONAL FRIEND, THERE MIGHT BE MERIT IN THE BRITISH AND OURSELVES STRESSING TO THE NEW INDIAN GOVERNMENT THE IMPORTANCE TO INDIA OF ADOPTING A MORE ACCOMMODATING APPROACH TO SEABEDS ISSUES. WHEN HE WAS IN LONDON ON MAY 6 AND 7 AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON HAD SPOKEN TO PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY LUARD AND AMBASSADOR LOGAN ABOUT A JOINT US-UK APPROACH TO THE INDIANS IN NEW DEHLI. BOTH THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE USEFUL AND APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE WOULD BE SENT TO THOMSON WHO WOULD COORDINATE WITH THE US EMBASSY.

3. AMBASSADOR GOHEEN AGREED WITH AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S SUGGESTION THAT AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME HE MIGHT IN A GENERAL WAY RAISE LOS WITH VAJPAYEE AND BASHAN. HE WOULD NOT MAKE A SPECIAL CALL TO DO SO BUT WOULD IN THE COURSE OF HIS PRELIMINARY CALLS REFER TO AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S RECENT VISIT, NOTE THAT WE THOUGHT OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE INDIANS HAD BEEN USEFUL AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT OUR TWO DELEGATIONS COULD WORK TOGETHER CONSTRUCTIVELY TO ADVANCE THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE.

4. AMBASSADORS GOHEEN AND RICHARDSON AGREED THAT IF THE US DELEGATION SUBSEQUENTLY HAD CONCRETE POINTS WE WOULD WISH AMBASSADOR GOHEEN OR THE EMBASSY TO MAKE, WE WOULD SEND APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS. CHRISTOPHER
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